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SUBJECT: Yucca Mountain Caliente Rail Transportation EIS scopping comments

The Nye County Federal Impacts Advisory Board Transportation Committee has made a very large effort to gather public input on the impact of the proposed Caliente Yucca mountain rail road as it will impact all the stakeholders in Nye County. This was done in conjunction with the Nye County Natural Resources and Federal Facilities Office. Public information and comments very gathered by having presentations at town board meetings in Tonopah, Goldfield, Beatty and Amargosa Valley. More data was gathered by devising a questionnaire that was sent to all property owners or those with mining claims, ranching/grazing interests, water interest, communication issues, recreation interests and others. Based on an evaluation of all the comments and data we collected we has come to the following conclusions.

1. The railroad must not be a private rail line only used by the government. To do so would have a very negative impact to the residents of the towns of Tonopah, Goldfield, Beatty and Amargosa Valley. There is a very NEGATIVE stigma with a railroad if it has no economic use for the communities it passes.
2. At a minimum, rail spurs or sidings should be built for the towns of Tonopah, Goldfield, Beatty, Amargosa Valley and Railroad Valley to provide some economic value to the impacted communities for future development. The railroad must be used by commercial interests and not just the government. This is needed to provide mitigations for the negative impact of a railroad through these communities.
3. All present and future mining claims must be allowed to continue or to be developed as this has been and will continue to be crucial to the economic life blood of these communities.
4. All existing uses must be allowed to continue.
5. The railroad should be continued to the South to connect with an existing rail line and not be dead-ended at Amargosa Valley.
6. Some rail maintenance and operation facilities should be located in Nye County.

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